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American Embassy,
Paris, France
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Dear Barbour:

This is a Peripheral matter relating to Belarusia -
1. ER PRC

Some of our contacts give us (ACU) the following information with regard to recent activities of ABRANCHIK, President of the Belorussian National Rada, who was due shortly to visit the United States as reported in my letter No. 204 of October 31, 1952.

1. Abranchik has decided, following conversations with Georgian exiled representatives supporting the Coordinating Center, to postpone his trip to the United States. At the advice of Taitedee, Georgian representative, who stated in a confidential interview informed Abranchik that "the Coordinating Center will undoubtedly collapse, and the nationals will then form a Center uniting all the peoples of the Soviet Union other than the Russians", Abranchik now intends to delay his démarches before the American Committee for Aid to the Peoples of Russia until further notice. He plans to wait until the Ukrainian emigration, upon the arrival of the Ukrainian delegation from the United States, pronounces itself on the question of collaboration with the American Committee only in the event that the Ukrainians decide to support the Coordinating Center.
2. In the meantime, in view of the postponement of his trip to the United States, Abranchik is statedly

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developing his efforts to the promotion of Polish-Bolshevik friendly relations. For this purpose he is proceeding in the immediate future to London, where he will approach GATTAGLIARI and other leaders connected with the Polish Government in exile in order to obtain from the latter a statement of Polish position toward the Bolshevik people similar to that issued by the Poles with regard to the Ukrainians. (It will be recalled that about one month ago the Polish Government in exile recognized, in a resolution passed by the National Council, the extreme fearlessness and against domination of the Ukrainian people.)

A copy of this letter is being forwarded to Mr. [redacted] of Polish.

Sincerely,

Landreth H. Harrison
First Secretary of Embassy

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